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THAW RACES TO PITTSBURGH IN AUTO AFTER HIS RELEASE ON \$35,000 BAIL

MEDIATION BY U. S. URGED BY COUNT VON BERNSTORFF IN HIS TALK WITH LANSING

German Ambassador Says
Wilson Should Take Up
Case With Great Britain.

GETS NO ASSURANCES.

Secretary of State Declines to
Express an Opinion in Ab-
sence of President.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, told Secretary Lansing to-day he believed the German reply to the last American note on submarine warfare presented opportunity for settlement of the controversy by further diplomatic negotiation.

The Ambassador conferred with Mr. Lansing an hour and talked later with Assistant Secretary Phillips. In the absence of President Wilson, Secretary Lansing was unable to inform the Ambassador what course the United States would pursue in its next note, but he heard with much interest Count von Bernstorff's explanation of the purposes of the German Government to satisfy public opinion at home on the maintenance of submarine warfare, and, at the same time, to maintain friendly relations with the United States.

The Ambassador personally is convinced there will be no repetition of the Lusitania disaster, and that German submarines now are exercising great precaution to avoid incidents which might inflame public opinion in the United States. With that idea in mind, he urged that the United States take advantage of the intimation in Berlin's reply, that Germany would be willing to have the entire question of freedom of the seas mediated with Great Britain through the American Government.

Such a course American officials have indicated might be more welcome if accompanied by some assurance that during the pendency of the negotiations American vessels and lives would be safe from attack and danger.

Count Bernstorff declined to reveal what had taken place at to-day's conference beyond saying it was a very satisfactory interview and he felt encouraged to believe the danger of a rupture in relations had been reduced. He based his optimism on the view the German Government did not want a break and would do all in its power to prevent one. He is confident that the United States holds a similar view. The Ambassador is strongly of the opinion that diplomacy will be able to settle the issue.

The Ambassador's interview was informal. He came without special instructions from his Government. That is not unusual, as he would be expected by his Foreign Office in such a situation to exert every influence toward bringing about an understanding. He sent a long report on his visit by wireless to the Berlin Foreign Office. Secretary Lansing would make no statement on the conference.

The torpedoing of the American steamer Nebraska, for which Germany has expressed regret and promised reparation, also was discussed.

The note from Austria-Hungary on war exports was not discussed, it was stated on the highest authority.

The Ambassador discussed with Mr.

ITALIAN SURPRISE ATTACK WINS PASS 6,945 FEET HIGH

Soldiers Scale Slopes of Ravine
Always Considered
Inaccessible.

ROME, July 15 (via Paris, July 16).—The official statement issued to-night by the General Staff says:

"In the upper Cadore region our troops continued to bombard the bridges of the Plattavies and Landro, which were partly demolished, while an enemy battery installed on the plateau of Rauchkofel was partly dismantled.

"Encounters favorable to the Italians occurred on Mount Zettionkofel and upon the Durgstall Crest (3,460 feet high).

"A detachment of infantry succeeded in ascending the slopes of a ravine heretofore considered inaccessible and occupied by a surprise attack the summit of Falzarego Pass (6,945 feet high). On the night of Tuesday and Wednesday this detachment was counter attacked, but the enemy was repulsed, sustaining serious losses.

BOMB PLACED TO WRECK THE BROADWAY LIMITED

Infernal Machine Filled With Dynamite Found on Track Few Minutes Before Train Was Due.

(Special to The Evening World.)
ALTOONA, Pa., July 16.—Pennsylvania Railroad policemen are to-day trying to discover who attempted to wreck the Broadway Limited, the nineteen-hour New York-Chicago train, at Vineyard, fifty-two miles east of Altoona, last night by placing a bomb fashioned from a section of lead pipe, eighteen inches long and six in diameter and filled with ten pounds of dynamite, across one of the rails of No. 4 track.

Robert Westbrook, a brakeman on the Reading road, who is spending his vacation at his father's farm near Vineyard, found the explosive while walking home, took it to the operator in the nearest town, who in turn notified the division police headquarters here. The bomb was discovered a few minutes before the Broadway Limited was due, at 8:20 P. M.

Phillips arrangements originally made for the safe conduct of Dr. Anton Meyer Gerhard, who went to Berlin as a personal envoy of Count von Bernstorff.

Safe conduct was given for Dr. Meyer Gerhard with the idea that he would return to the United States. No one is believed he will not return, and that arrangements are being made to relieve him of any pledge he may have given.

Last Two Days of Big Sale.
512 Men's Blue Serge Suits, \$5.95. The "HUB" Clothing Corner, Broadway, corner Barclay Str. (Opp. Woolworth Building), will sell to-day and Saturday the balance of their Men's Blue Serge Suits, all wool, fast color, guaranteed; also large variety of 2-Piece Outing Suits, in light and dark colors; all sizes, 34 to 44. Our special price to-day and Saturday, \$5.95. Open Saturday night till 10. The Hub Clothing Store, Broadway, corner Barclay Str.—Adv.

GREAT U-BOAT 51 REPORTED SUNK BY THE RUSSIANS

Undersea Craft Had Eluded
the British Blockade and
Passed Gibraltar.

SANK BIG BATTLESHIPS.

Torpedoed Majestic and Triumph Before Slipping
Through Straits.

LONDON, July 16.—The German submarine U-51 has been sunk in the Black Sea by Russian warships, according to information received from Varna, a Bulgarian port on the Black Sea, by the Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The U-51 performed one of the most notable exploits of the war by proceeding from Wilhelmshaven to Constantinople, through the Mediterranean, the longest trip ever undertaken by a submarine. Arriving off the Dardanelles on May 25, she torpedoed and sank the British battleships Triumph and Majestic, and then made a safe passage to the Ottoman capital. She was supposed for a time to have been stopped in her operations by the allied war fleet around the Dardanelles. Her commander, Capt. Otto Herzog, was awarded the order Pour le Merite by Kaiser Wilhelm for the Constantinople trip.

No accurate statistics of the size of the U-51 are available, but she was credited with being one of the most powerful submarines ever constructed.

The British blockading fleet off Gibraltar was reported to have been warned of the approach of the U-51, but failed to catch the under-water craft, which went from Gibraltar to the Dardanelles, where she did so much to prevent the allies' warships from co-operating with the land forces on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Later the U-51 passed through the Sea of Marmora and reported to the German commander at Constantinople. If the report of her destruction in the Black Sea is true, she evidently went from the Turkish capital through the Bosporus, probably to operate against the Russian Black Sea fleet. Her destruction might make it safer for the great warships the allies have assembled at the Dardanelles.

Going Away From Here?

The Vacation season is now at its height.

Thousands of New Yorkers are leaving every day in search of health, rest and recreation at one or the other of the numerous Seashore, Mountain and Country Summering places for which America is famous.

Some will return blithe and gay, rejuvenated, as it were, by the joyous experiences they will have had.

Others, unfortunately, will learn, when it is too late, that they were too hasty in choosing a place to spend their Outing.

Be not of the latter class!

About 1,300 "Summer Resort" ads. will be printed in

Next Sunday's World

Over 2,000 Resort Hotels and Boarding Houses are described in The World's Summer Resort Annual for 1915, a FREE copy of which may be had at any World office.

So Why Spend Your Vacation at a Place That Does Not Afford You the Benefits You Seek?

Harry Thaw Leaving County Court House, Elbowing His Way Through Great Crowd (Photographed Specially by an Evening World Staff Photographer.)



AMERICAN ARRESTED AND HELD IN BERLIN

George S. Speets, Representing
Copper Interests, Has Been Under
Surveillance Several Months.

BERLIN, July 16 (via London).—George S. Speets, understood to represent American copper interests, was arrested here on Tuesday and is held at Police Headquarters on charges that have not been divulged.

Speets, who has an American passport and who maintained an office for general brokerage business, had been under police surveillance for several months.

Some doubt exists as to Speets' citizenship, and Ambassador Gerard only yesterday, while still ignorant of Speets' arrest, had started an investigation regarding the manner in which Speets had obtained an American passport. The Ambassador also had communicated with the German authorities on the subject.

BROTHER OF THE CZAR SAYS ALLIES WILL WIN

"Germany's Armies Are Doomed,"
Declares the Grand Duke
Michael.

PETROGRAD, July 16.—"Germany's armies are doomed to ultimate catastrophe, despite some temporary successes," the Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, brother of the Czar, told correspondents who interviewed him to-day.

"The Germans thought to crush us in two or three months and impose conditions of peace," said the Grand Duke. "In spite of long preparation and perfection in military technique, they have failed. It was a cruel mistake. They have suffered mortal blows."

TEN LOST ON FRENCH BOAT.

Trawler Hits a Mine Off the Port of Calais.

CALAIS, July 16.—Ten of the crew of the French trawler Nieuport lost their lives when the vessel was mined and sunk off this port yesterday.

DRAG SHEEPSHEAD BAY FOR YACHTSMAN'S BODY

Former Commodore Believed to
Have Been Drowned by Fall
Off His Sloop.

The police of Sheepshead Bay and the members of half a dozen boat clubs are dragging the waters in the hope of finding the body of Julius R. Pratt, who is believed to have been drowned there last evening. Mr. Pratt took a rowboat at 8 o'clock from the foot of Dooley Street and went out to his sloop, the Henrietta, to get a storage battery that needed repairs. He has not been seen since. The battery weighed 50 pounds. It is feared that in lifting it into the rowboat Mr. Pratt slipped and fell, stunning himself by striking the gunwale. A broken oar found in the rowboat confirms this. He was an excellent swimmer, and an ordinary fall into the water would not have hurt him.

Mr. Pratt lived at No. 2235 Emmons Avenue, Sheepshead Bay, and was in the produce business at No. 2101 Emmons Avenue. He was formerly a commodore of the Sheepshead Bay Yacht Club. He had only recently been afflicted by ill health to give up a lucrative position in Manhattan and had opened a store in Sheepshead Bay to be near the seashore.

Plot Death of Ex-Premier of Greece.
PARIS, July 16.—A despatch to the Havas News Agency from Athens says that a private letter received from Constantinople states that the Young Turk committee is plotting the assassination of former Premier Venizelos of Greece. The police, the Athens advices state, have taken the necessary measures to protect the life of the former Prime Minister.

Whitman's Off to Newport.
ALBANY, July 16.—The Governor and Mrs. Whitman left Albany to-day for their summer cottage at Newport, where they will spend the week-end, returning Tuesday.

GERMANS RUSH 80,000 NEW TROOPS TO YSER

Despatch From Rotterdam Hints
at a New Drive Toward
Calais.

LONDON, July 16.—"Eighty thousand Germans and numerous guns left Aix-la-Chapelle Wednesday night and Thursday morning, bound for the Yser, apparently for a new drive on Calais," said a Rotterdam despatch to the Daily Mail to-day.

BRITISH BEGIN PAYING FOR SEIZED COTTON

Make First Settlement in Washington for Cargo Taken—Valuation Put at \$250,000.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—The British Embassy to-day began the practice of making payments in Washington for detained American cotton cargoes, the identity of ownership of which has been satisfactorily established. The first payment, a partial one for a cargo at the rate of 10 cents a pound, was about \$250,000.

The payment made to-day was for the cargo of the Greek steamer Spyros Vallianos, from Savannah, which was taken to Falmouth and Cardiff. The cargo is owned by Inman, Akers & Inman.

HUSTLED FROM STATE BY SHERIFF, HIS MOTHER FURNISHES GUARDIAN

Declared Sane by Justice Hendrick and Cheered by Thousands Along
Broadway—State Files Notice of
Appeal to Higher Courts.

ALIENISTS ARE CRITICISED IN JURIST'S DECISION

Harry K. Thaw, set free by Justice Peter A. Hendrick of the Supreme Court to-day on a writ of habeas corpus and hustled out of the State by Sheriff Griffenhagen, is on his way to Pittsburgh. Released under bail of \$35,000 because of an appeal of the Attorney General against Justice Hendrick's decision, Thaw started at once in an automobile for Philadelphia, where he intended to take a train for the rest of his journey.

David Levy, the head of a Pittsburgh physical culture establishment, took charge of Thaw at the instance of Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, his mother, who started for Pittsburgh yesterday, sure of his release.

Before Thaw was out of the County Court House he had begun to issue innumerable statements to the press regarding the damage done to the writ of habeas corpus and the Constitution by the action of the Attorney General in serving a notice of appeal from Justice Hendrick's decision.

BURGLAR STEALS NEW MAGISTRATE'S PANTS

Esterbrook Woke Up and Saw
Masked Man Dive Out
of Window.

City Magistrate O. Grant Esterbrook, appointed ten days ago, showed up in his court room this morning with an old pair of trousers of the "I-may-use-them-to-go-fishing-some-time" kind, and a coat and vest that obviously had not been cut to his figure.

"Why the Charley Chaplin effect?" some one inquired.

"Because the pants are all the burglar left me," replied the Magistrate. "The coat and vest are borrowed."

Then he explained that he was awakened at 3:30 o'clock this morning in his room at the hotel in Blue Point, L. I., where he is spending the summer with his family. He next saw a masked man leaning over his trunk. The burglar threw a large bundle out of the window and took a fifteen-foot drop to the lawn below.

Magistrate Esterbrook ran downstairs, but the chug-chug of a motor boat showed how the thief had made his escape. Among other things taken were four suits of clothes, the Magistrate's first pay check from his new job—undiminished, fortunately—a gold watch and chain, a fountain pen, his eyeglasses and his permit to carry a revolver. Also \$14 in cash.

WILSON FREES NEW YORKER.

Hicks, Who Gave Up Business to
Serve Term, Soon to Leave Jail.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—President Wilson today commuted to expire at once the jail term of Robert E. Hicks, the New York man who, after twelve years of successful dodging of imprisonment for a violation of the Postal Code, gave up a prosperous business and surrendered himself.

The Howery Mission of New York, at which Hicks was a worker, and other organizations, appealed to the President for his release. He will be freed as soon as the Department of Justice can arrange certain formalities.

More Cameras Click as "Squirrel Squad" Moves On.
While movie cameras clicked and hundreds shouted his name, the cars moved slowly to Broadway and turned downtown. The size of the procession amply showed the hurrying thousands of the Broadway sidewalk to stop, look and listen. Now and then a man or woman at the curb turned to yell, "Hello, Harry!" But there was no general acclamation until the head on